camps in Tamil Nadu and Orissa respectively.

(c) 820 Sri Lankan refugees who were covered under Indo-Sri Lanka agreements have been treated as repatriates and have been provided rehabilitation assistance.

(d) An amount of Rs. 72.00 crores has been released by the Govt. of India so far to the State Govts. of Tamil Nadu and Orissa for providing relief facilities and accommodation for the Sri Lankan refugees.

(e) Efforts are being made to repatriate the remaining refugees.

Passport Racket in Delhi

57. DR. ABRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently busted a fake passport racket in Delhi involving persons having contact with Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir militants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Delhi Police have informed that two persons having in their possession more than 70 fake passports and more than 100 fake visas, were arrested in 22-6-92. Investigation did not establish their links with Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir militants.

Incidence of Terrorism in Terai Region of Uttar Pradesh

58. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing incidents of terrorism in Terai region of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (b) Incidents of terrorism in Terai region of Uttar Pradesh have come to notice. Public Order is a State subject and it is therefore for the Government of Uttar Pradesh to take necessary action in the matter. Whatever assistance is possible will be provided to the State Government by Central Government.

Dialogue with ULFA Leaders

59. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had any dialogue with ULFA Leaders in Assam recently; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Assam Government has been in touch with those ULFA leaders who are inclined to a negotiated settlement of the problems of the State. A State level convention of protalk group of ULFA is likely to be held soon to finalise their stance in the proposed formal negotiations with the Government.

Violation of Human Rights in Kashmir Valley

60. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints of violation of Human Rights registered in Kashmir during 1991 and 1992 so far, against (i) the militants and (ii) security forces;

(b) the findings of the inquiries, if any, conducted into these incidents; and

(c) whether any Human Rights delegation, foreign or Indian was permitted to visit the valley during the above period; and if so, the observations and suggestions made by them; and the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Information is awaited from the State Govenment of Jammu and Kashmir.

Release of Militants by J & K

61. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of militants under detention in Kashmir have been released, with a view to reviving conditions congenial to holding of Assembly and Parliamentary (Lok Sabha) elections in that state;

(b) if so, the details of the militants, especially their leaders who have been so released; and

(c) the norms and procedure followed in this regard and the conditions for their release ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have constituted a State level Screening Committee to review the cases of the arrested persons and detenus, and make suitable recommendations depending upon the circumstances of each case. In 1992 (upto 15-5-92) 2066 cases were screened by the Screeing Committee and 776 persons were recommended for release. Recently five prominent persons namely, S/Shri Abdul Gani Loni Qazi Nissar Ahmed, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Prof. Abdul Gani Bhat and Maulvi Mohd. Abbas Ansari, having affiliations to political organisations of J & K were also released.

Steps to Curb Militancy in J&K

62. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for escalation in terrorist activities in J&K;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government during the last three months to curb militancy and to bring about peace in Kashmir Valley, and with what success so far; and

(c) to what extent the situation has since become conducive to restoration of democratic Government in the State and holding of elections to the Legislative Assembly and to the Lok Sabha in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The situation in Jammu & Kashmir, though difficult, has shown a qualitative change for the better. There are visible signs of improvement which warrant cautious optimism. A growing public condemnation of the mindless violence, being perpetrated by the terrorists, has been in evidence. Despite fear of the gun and reprisal from terrorists, a dozen anti-militant demonstrations were held in the Valley during the last two months. Heightened inter-gang clashes resulting in Civilian casualities, and repeated calls for harbal acausing inconvenience to the local people have roused popular indignation.

The security forces have had notable successes in their action against militants. Availability of ground intelligence and tactical information has increased. With